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September 22, 1950

Dear Mr. Childs:

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 15 forwarding a revised draft of the proposed Interagency Operating Procedure for the Watch Committee.

Subject to the changes indicated below, this draft is satisfactory to the intelligence organization of the Department.

Substitute for paragraphs 7a(4) and 7a(5): "7a(4). Produce, at each meeting if possible and if not, within 24 hours after any meeting, a summary report of conclusions reached as a result of the Committee's discussion and joint evaluation of intelligence information, such summaries to include any substantial dissent by a member. These summaries will be distributed to the Director of Central Intelligence and to the heads of the intelligence agencies participating in this agreement.

Change paragraph 7b to read: "7b. Each departmental member of the Watch Committee shall:

(1) Bring to the meetings summaries of intelligence bearing on those "indicators" and evaluations thereof which fall within his Department's particular fields of responsibility.

(2) Forward to the CIA Chairman and to the other member Agencies:

(a) Urgent

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(a) Urgent information concerning any of the indicators, together with his evaluation thereof, when such information is suggested as basis for a special meeting of the Committee.

(b) Reports of emergency action taken, if any, on intelligence items of an urgent nature.

(c) Proposals for the addition of new indicators or the deletion of indicators considered no longer valid.

Our reasons for desiring these changes are explained in my letter to you of March 29, 1950, i.e., to emphasize the deliberative aspects of the Watch Committee's work and to keep to the absolute minimum transmission of memoranda and preparation of reports.

In this connection, I should like also to call your attention to the existence in the Department of Defense intelligence structure of the Joint Intelligence Indications Committee, which appears to have substantially the same mission as that contemplated for the Watch Committee. This Committee consists of representatives from each of the service intelligence agencies and, in addition, representatives of CIA and the Department of State ordinarily attend its weekly meetings as observers. In view of the apparent similarity in function and composition, it may be desirable to clarify the relationship between the two committees prior to issuance of the Watch Committee procedure.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Trueheart

*ADD/ORE: Does Advisory Council know about East ID?  
Does your representative or his attend those meetings?  
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